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118th Academy Graduation

On August 17, the Raleigh Police Department welcomed 42 new officers. The members of the 118th session of the Raleigh Police Academy celebrated the completion of their initial training at a ceremony held at Meymandi Hall. Congratulations to all of our graduates!

Lateral Graduates

Officer C.M. Kidder



Officer C.M. Kidder is originally from Ohio. She earned a bachelor's degree in criminology from Ohio University and relocated to Charlotte shortly after graduation. She served with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department for four years before joining the Raleigh Police Department. Officer Kidder was sworn in on March 29 and joined the officers of the Southeast District.

Officer P.M. Flannery



Officer P.M. Flannery is from New Jersey. He previously served as an officer, detective, and instructor with the Passaic Police Department and the Bergen County Police Department - both in New Jersey. Officer Flannery was sworn in on March 29 and serves with the officers of the Downtown District.

Basic Academy Graduates

Officer M.L. Berg



Officer Berg is originally from Valley Springs, Calif. Prior to joining the Raleigh Police Department, he served in the United States Marine Corps. Officer Berg will serve with the officers of the Southeast District.

Officer M.P. Blood



Officer Blood was born in Arlington, Va. He attended East Carolina University where he earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. Officer Blood will join the officers of the North District.

Officer M.K. Brown



Officer Brown was born and raised in Wake Forest. He attended the University of North Carolina at Charlotte where he double majored and earned a bachelor's degree in Africana studies and one in criminal justice and criminology. Officer Brown will work with the officers of the North District.

Officer P.W. Coates



Officer Coates was born and raised in Philadelphia, Pa. Prior to joining the Department, he served in the United States Army with the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg. Officer Coates will serve with the officers of the Southeast District.

Officer Z.R. Dickey



Officer Dickey is from Lakewood, N.J. He attended Johnson C. Smith University where he earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. He also played football, participated in track and field, and is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. Officer Dickey will join the officers of the Downtown District.

Officer A.N. Dry



Officer Dry is a native of Fuquay-Varina. He attended the University of North Carolina at Charlotte where he earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. Officer Dry will work with the officers of the Downtown District.

Officer S.P. Easterling



Officer Easterling is from Cumberland, Maine. She attended Mississippi State University where she earned a bachelor's degree in criminology. Officer Easterling will join the officers of the Downtown District.

Officer A.R. Ekberg



Officer Ekberg was born and raised in Raleigh. He attended East Carolina University where he earned a bachelor's degree in recreation and park management. Officer Ekberg will serve with the officers of the Southeast District.

Officer K.R. Elliott



Officer Elliott grew up in Raleigh. He attended Appalachian State University where he earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. Officer Elliott will join the officers of the Northwest District.

Officer K.M. Epps



Officer Epps was born in Montgomery County, Pa. He attended Belmont Abbey College and earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. He also served in the United States Army. Officer Epps will work with the officers of the Southwest District.

Officer L.K. Ferguson



Officer Ferguson grew up in Mooresville. He attended North Carolina State University where he earned a degree in criminology. Officer Ferguson will serve with the officers of the Northwest District.

Officer J.K. Goddard



Officer Goddard is from Syracuse, N.Y. He previously served with the United States Marine Corp Reserve and currently serves in the United States Air Force Reserve. Prior to joining the Raleigh Police Department, he worked on the Special Operations Team for the N.C. Department of Corrections. Officer Goddard will join the officers of the Northeast District.

Officer A.S. Gokey



Officer Gokey was born and raised in Jacksonville. She attended Campbell University where she earned a bachelor's degree in homeland security. She earned a master's degree in security studies from East Carolina University. Officer Gokey will work with the officers of the Southwest District.

Officer S.A. Greiner



Officer Greiner grew up in Buffalo, N.Y. She attended Niagara University where she earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. Officer Greiner will serve with the officers of the Southeast District.

Officer J.M. Guilfoyle



Officer Guilfoyle is from Long Island, N.Y. Prior to joining the Raleigh Police Department, he served as a corrections officer with the New York State Corrections Department. Officer Guilfoyle is also a United States Marine Corps Veteran. Officer Guilfoyle will join the officers of the Downtown District.

Officer M.A. Haigh



Officer Haigh grew up in Cary. He attended Appalachian State University where he earned a bachelor's degree in international criminal justice. Officer Haigh will work with the officers of the Southwest District.

Officer A.C. Hall



Officer Hall was born and raised in Raleigh. He attended Wake Technical Community College and earned an associate degree in art. He also attended North Carolina State University where he earned a bachelor's degree in criminology with a minor in political science. Prior to joining the Raleigh Police Department, he worked at his family's business, Joseph C. Woodard Printing Company. Officer Hall will serve with the officers of the Northwest District.

Officer A.H. Helmick



Officer Helmick is from Mansfield, Ohio but grew up in Wendell. She attended Wake Technical Community College where she earned an associate degree in science. Officer Helmick will join the officers of the Northeast District.

Officer D.B. Holland



Officer Holland was born in Hilton Head Island, S.C. He attended Johnston Community College where he earned associate degrees in criminal justice and criminal justice with latent evidence. Officer Holland will work with the officers of the Northwest District.

Officer A.C.T. Johnson



Officer Johnson is a Raleigh native. He attended East Carolina University where he earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. He also serves as a military police officer with the North Carolina National Guard. Officer Johnson will serve with the officers of the North District.

Officer K.E. LaPenta



Officer LaPenta was born and raised in New Jersey. She attended Ramapo College where she earned two bachelor's degrees: one in law and society, and one in psychology. She also played collegiate softball. Officer LaPenta will join the officers of the Northwest District.

Officer S.A. Livecchi



Officer Livecchi is a native of Red Hook, N.Y. She attended SUNY Potsdam where she earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and sociology. Officer Livecchi will serve with the officers of the Downtown District.

Officer J.H. Lynch



Officer Lynch was born and raised in Wake Forest. He attended North Carolina State University where he earned a bachelor's degree in criminology. He is also an officer in the United States Army Reserve. Officer Lynch will join the officers of the North District.

Officer C.N. Maner



Officer Maner grew up in Lexington. She attended Appalachian State University and studied accounting and computer information systems. Officer Maner will work with the officers of the Northeast District.

Officer T.N.T. Mareko



Officer Mareko was born and raised in American Samoa, a territory of the United States. He earned a football scholarship to attend the University of Nevada, Las Vegas where he earned a bachelor's degree in public administration. Officer Mareko will serve with the officers of the North District.

Officer D.R. Michael



Officer Michael was born in Manhasset, N.Y. and moved to North Carolina at the age of 11. He attended Johnston Community College where he studied health science. Officer Michael will join the officers of the North District.

Officer R. Milhomme



Officer Milhomme is a native of New York City, N.Y. She attended Berkeley College where she earned a certificate in nursing. She also serves as a Petty Officer in the United States Naval Reserve. Officer Milhomme will work with the officers of the Southeast District.

Officer J.D. Musquez



Officer Musquez grew up in Illinois. He joined the United States Marine Corps Reserve after graduation from high school, serving as a combat engineer. Prior to joining the Raleigh Police Department, he worked at Firestone. Officer Musquez will serve with the officers of the Northeast District.

Officer J.G. Pierson



Officer Pierson is from Toledo, Ohio. Prior to joining the Raleigh Police Department, he served with the Lucas County Sheriff's Office for more than 11 years. Officer Pierson will join the officers of the Northeast District.

Officer S.C. Roseberry



Officer Roseberry is from Lancaster, Calif. She attended Valparaiso University where she earned a bachelor's degree in sociology and political science. She also attended Liberty University where she earned a master's degree in marriage and family counseling. Prior to joining the Raleigh Police Department, she served as a member of the United States Army for seven years. Officer Roseberry will work with the officers of the Northeast District.

Officer K.A. Sills



Officer Sills was born and raised in South Carolina. She attended Meredith College where she earned a bachelor's degree in criminology and sociology. Shortly after graduation, she joined the Raleigh Police Department. Officer Sills will serve with the officers of the Southwest District.

Officer Z.D. Sisson



Officer Sisson is a Raleigh native. He attended Appalachian State University where he earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. While a student, Zachary completed an internship with the Raleigh Police Department. Officer Sisson will join the officers of the North District.

Officer R.T. Smith



Officer Smith is from Kemp, Texas. He served in the United States Army as an infantryman for 14 years. He later attended William Peace University where he earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. Officer Smith will work with the officers of the North District.

Officer S.C. Storey



Officer Storey is originally from Texas. He attended North Carolina State University where he earned a bachelor's degree in political science. Prior to joining the Raleigh Police Department, he worked with Marbles Kids Museum. Officer Storey will serve with the officers of the Northeast District.

Officer J.M. Stout



Officer Stout was born and raised in the mountains of Boone. He attended Appalachian State University where he earned a bachelor's degree in international criminal justice. Soon after his graduation, he moved to Raleigh to pursue a career in law enforcement. Officer Stout will join the officers of the North District.

Officer D.M. Thompson



Officer Thompson was born and raised in Raleigh. He attended East Carolina University where he walked onto the football team. He graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. Officer Thompson will work with the officers of the Southeast District.

Officer E.L. Trautz



Officer Trautz is from Newton, N.J. He served in the United States Marine Corps for five years before joining the Raleigh Police Department. Officer Trautz will serve with the officers of the Southeast District.

Officer N.P. Valentine



Officer Valentine is from Cromwell, Conn. He served in the United States Marines Corp as a combat engineer before moving to Raleigh. Officer Valentine will join the officers of the Southeast District.

Officer S.P. Volstad



Officer Volstad is a Raleigh native. He attended Tocca Falls College where he played soccer. He currently serves in the North Carolina National Guard. Officer Volstad will work with the officers of the Northeast District.

Officer J.T. Whitley



Officer Whitley is from Wilmington. He attended the University of North Carolina at Wilmington where he earned a bachelor's degree in criminology. Officer Whitley will serve with the officers of the North District.